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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF MOON ROCK TO PRESIDENT LOSONCZI

1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY FRANK G. ZARB, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF OMB, PRESENTED APOLLO MOON ROCK TO PRESIDENT LOSONCZI APRIL 11.

2. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION CEREMONY, LOSONCZI ASKED BOTH TO REMAIN FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATION. STARTED BY SAYING HE RECENTLY HAD PLEASURE OF MEETING PRESIDENT NIXON PERSONALLY FOR FIRST TIME AT FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT POMPIDOU. LOSONCZI COMMENTED REPEATEDLY ON FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AND SAID PRESENTATION CEREMONY HAD SIGNIFICANCE AS PART OF SERIES OF EVENTS INITIATED BY ROGERS VISIT AND CONTINUED BY VALYI AND DENT VISITS AND NOW BY PRESENT VISIT BY EXECUTIVE-LEVEL TRADE MISSION. REMARKING THAT SUCH PROGRESS WOULD HAVE BEEN HARD TO IMAGINE AS RECENTLY AS FIVE YEARS AGO, LOSONCZI SAID THERE WERE NUMBER OF STILL UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS IN US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AND STATED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEY COULD BE RESOLVED IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND MUTUAL

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UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS LED TO THE EVENTS AND AGREEMENTS

REACHED SO FAR. LOSONCZI SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED "TRADE, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL" COOPERATION AS AREAS IN WHICH SUCH EXPANSION OF RELATIONS WAS DESIRABLE.

3. NOTING THAT US-HUNGARIAN TRADE WAS SMALL IN TERMS OF ABSOLUTE FIGURES AND WOULD ALWAYS REPRESENT A MODEST PERCENTAGE OF BOTH COUNTRIES' FOREIGN TRADE, LOSONCZI SAID THAT IMPENDING TRADE RELATIONS HAD SIGNIFICANCE AS MUCH IN POLITICAL AS IN ECONOMIC TERMS, IN THAT IT SYMBOLIZES DESIRE OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO EXPAND COOPERATION IN SPIRIT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

4. LOSONCZI ALSO REMARKED THAT HUNGARY WAS PLEASED TO SEE SUCH HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO HUNGARY AS THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE-LEVEL TRADE MISSION, BECAUSE THAT SIGNIFIED THE US INTEREST IN TAKING SERIOUSLY RELATIONS WITH SMALLER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS MAJOR POWERS. EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE FURTHER AND MORE FREQUENT EXCHANGES OF VISITS AT THIS LEVEL.

5. ZARB AND AMBASSADOR IN THEIR COMMENTS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI'S REMARKS AND ASSURED HIM THAT USG RECIPROCATES GOH DESIRE TO CONTINUE PROGRAM IN DEVELOPING BILATERAL RELATIONS AND EXPANDING AREAS OF COOPERATION.

6. COMMENT: LOSONCZI WAS VERY WARM AND AS POSITIVE ABOUT US HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AS I HAVE EVER HEARD HIM. HIS DEMEANOR GAVE EVERY IMPRESSION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RESTRAINT IN IMPROVEMENT US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AS RESULT RECENT CC MEETING. HIS REFERENCE TO "CULTURAL" RELATIONS WAS CLEARLY DELIBERATE.  
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